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## GMA urged to emulate Pacquiao on graft raps



By Christine O. Avendaño and TJ Burgonio

PRESIDENT MACAPAGAL-Arroyo yesterday applauded Manny Pacquiao for his latest boxing conquest, calling

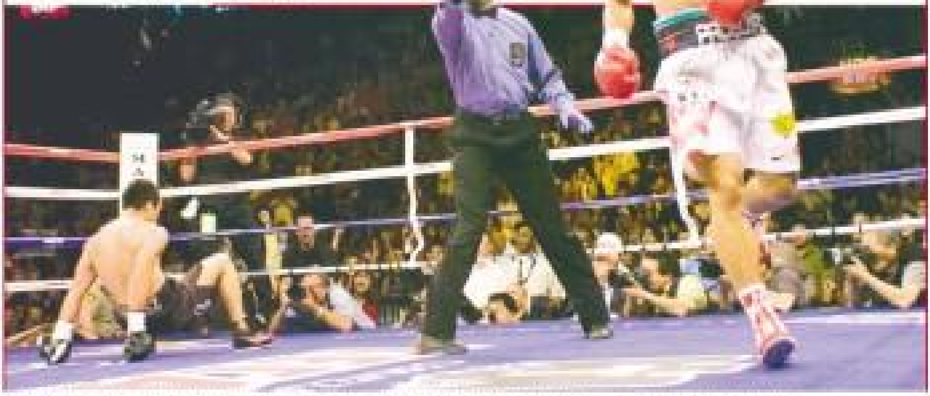
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## Pacman fever grips Filipinos nationwide

By Metro Staff and Inquirer Bureaus

WHILE MOST FILIPINOS WERE glueing themselves to their living rooms, a ... across the country, a

PACMAN FEVER A12



FILIPINO boxing legend Manny Pacquiao runs to a neutral corner after decking Mexican Juan Manuel Marquez in the third round of their world super featherweight title fight in Las Vegas. AFP

# Pacquiao dethrones foe

## RP boxing idol wins over Marquez by split decision

By Roy Luarca

LAS VEGAS—HIS blinking nearly did Manny Pacquiao in. But he scraped through and was champion again—by one point on one judge's scorecard.

With blood dripping from a cut above his right eye and unable to fully see the punches being thrown at him, Pacquiao leaned on instinct and a big heart to get through a dangerous eighth round against Juan Manuel Marquez.

The Filipino survived the Mexican's assault, regained his bearings in the last rounds, and wrested Marquez's World Boxing Council super featherweight crown by a split decision Saturday at the Events Center of Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino here. (More on Pacquiao-Marquez fight in Sports section.)

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ARCH Archbishop Angel Lagdameo (in miter), president of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines, leads the blessing ceremony on Palm Sunday at the Jaro public plaza in Iloilo City.

## *Pope: Enough with violence, slaughter, hate in Iraq*

VATICAN CITY—POPE BENEDICT XVI issued one of his strongest appeals for peace in Iraq on Palm Sunday, days after the body of the kidnapped Chaldean Catholic archbishop was found near the northern city of Mosul.

The Pope also denounced the 5-year-old Iraq war, saying it had provoked the complete breakup of Iraqi civilian life.

The Pontiff's appeal for peace came at the end of the Palm Sunday Mass, which opened the Church's busy Holy Week celebrations. They will include the Good Friday reenactment of Christ's crucifixion and death and the celebration of his resurrection on Easter Sunday.

"Enough with the slaughter,

POPE A12

## Metro bishops adopt stance of studied neutrality

By Amando Doronila

ANALYSIS

A GROUP OF 14 CATHOLIC bishops of Metro Manila, led by Archbishop Gaudencio Rosales of Manila, started the observance of Holy Week in this heavily religious Catholic country with a pastoral letter denouncing corruption in public office, without specifying its targets.

The letter took the steam out of the movement seeking the resignation of President Macapagal-Arroyo, who is facing widespread allegations of corruption.

Read yesterday at Mass in Metro Manila churches at the start of Holy Week, the letter was supposed to set the tone of the Church's position in the spiraling controversy over the 2005 agreement entered into by the Arroyo administration with China and Vietnam, allowing their state oil companies to conduct a joint seismic study in disputed areas of the South China Sea.

While it did not ignore the corruption issue, the Church fished to back its traditional Holy Week message with the assertion of its moral authority and political influence over the faithful.

METRO A12

## 10 tips for green Holy Week

WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM AN environment group, Holy Week could also be "Clean and Green Week."

The EcoWaste Coalition yesterday released 10 helpful tips for an eco-friendly Holy Week after Manila prelate Gaudencio Cardinal Rosales urged Filipinos "to live up to our Christian responsibility to protect and preserve Mother Earth and commit to living a simple life" in a pastoral letter.

"Our faith-inspired activities during the Holy Week can also serve as opportunities for us pausing how we care for the

10 TIPS A12

## With caution, church in Qatar opens

DOHA, QATAR—THOUSANDS of worshippers gathered in a long and emotional ceremony on Saturday for the consecration of the first Roman Catholic Church in the Gulf state of Qatar amid warnings by Western embassies to their nationals to be vigilant.

Cardinal Ivan Dias presented the parish with a chalice given by Pope Benedict XVI during the first Saint Mass, ending decades of underground worship in the

CHURCH IN A12

## No end to probe without Neri, say senators

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

IT AIN'T OVER 'TIL THE FAT LAdy sings.

At least that's how Senate Majority Leader Aquilino Pimentel Jr. and Senators Alan Peter Cayetano, Pia Cayetano, Panfilo Lacson and Jinggoy Estrada feel.

The Senate probe of the $329-million National Broadband Network (NBN) project with China's ZTE Corp. will not be over until they hear from former National Economic and Development Authority Director General Romulo Neri, the senators said.

The senators also want to put on the stand businessman Ruben Reyes, the alleged linkman of the so-called "Greedy Group plus plus" in the next hearing after the Lenten break on the scuttled project in connection via the Internet government offices and agencies nationwide.

After 12 hearings totaling about 100 hours, Senate Majority Leader Francis Pangilinan urged the three committees involved to come up with a preliminary report based on the testimonies and documents obtained since the in

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# Lozada: NBN has broken my family

## Wife needs counseling, son lost school honors, says graft whistle-blower



SENATE STAR WITNESS RODOLFO NOEL LOZADA Jr. broke down during Palm Sunday Mass at Miriam College in Quezon City yesterday, saying the sufferings of his family since he blew the whistle on corruption in the National Broadband Network deal was a heavy cross he now had to bear.




## Brion said to be newest SC justice

## GMA urges love, prayers, repentance on Holy Week






Printing life

# Goodbye Lipo, Hello Ultrashape!

Ultrashape – Lipo Without The Suction – continues to make waves since Marie France launched it in Manila two years ago. Proven effective, it has become the preferred solution of many women who have fat deposits that refuse to budge, regardless of how much they diet or exercise. Clients who have tried it were so amazed with how effectively it has reshaped their tummy, lovehandles and saddlebags, minus the risks, side-effects and 'downtime' they would normally endure with surgical options.

Ultrashape is the clinically proven non-invasive breakthrough for fat reduction and body contouring. It uses ultrasound waves to break down and liquefy fat even in stubborn areas. Ultrashape destroys fat cells permanently without affecting skin tissues. Immediately following treatment, the body's natural processes clear away the destroyed fat cells – and they don't come back! The result: smooth, even and shapely curves you can flaunt – even without your clothes on!

Renowned French plastic surgeon Dr. Benjamin Ascher recently presented his Ultrashape clinical results at the International Society of Aesthetic Plastic Surgery (ISAPS) Annual Meeting in Melbourne, Australia. His latest study demonstrated preliminary results of a 3.5 cm. circumferential reduction after only two treatments.

Due to its great success, Marie France clients' demand for Ultrashape is high, resulting to a nearly fully booked schedule for this revolutionary method of body contouring. These clients have found a better alternative to liposuction!



**Dawn Zulueta-Lagdameo, 39**

*"When Ultrashape was offered to me, I was excited! Ultrashape concentrates on that last hard-to-lose fat that remains in your body even after you've lost weight. I told myself, at last, there was a chance to lose all that stubborn fat that just wouldn't seem to go away. The doctor explained that Ultrashape destroys the fat cells in the targeted areas like my stomach and thighs. From there, the fat is metabolized and burned naturally by my body as energy. The treatment takes an hour and a half and is done once a month. Ultrashape is really the perfect finishing touch for people like me who have lost weight but still have some lumps and bumps. After my first treatment, I immediately said to myself 'wow, it's perfect!' Ultrashape definitely has all the benefits of lipo minus the surgery and all the risks! There's no downtime whatsoever. So you see, liposuction is unnecessary."*



**Carlene Aguilar, 26**

*"I was really curious about Ultrashape when I first heard about it. Kasi ako, I never imagined getting liposuction. I'm scared of the process. And I heard when you gain weight again after lipo, the fat goes to other areas. [illegible] Ultrashape, they said it was like 'lipo without the suction.' That really intrigued me. I thought, [illegible]!' Then I saw the effects on Dawn and the other Marie France clients. So I got excited to try it! But my Marie France consultant told me that I had to lose the excess weight first, because Ultrashape isn't recommended for total weight-loss, but for removing stubborn fat in specific areas. That made me excited to lose the weight – because I wanted to see how this machine treatment works! Finally, I got to try it for the first time on my outer thighs. It was actually relaxing! I almost fell asleep nga eh. You know how I also proved that it was effective? After Ultrashape I was able to fit into my size 27 jeans – which were a little tight even before I gained weight! And thanks to Ultrashape, I love my tummy now!"*



**Cristina Gonzalez-Romualdez, 43**

*"Nothing really compares to Ultrashape. When I tried it, I immediately lost 4cm in my tummy after only 1 session! Imagine what a couple of sessions more can do! Diet pills and crash dieting don't work for me. With my catering and events business, I can't just turn my back from tasting and savoring my own menus. More so, if it's lipo we're going to compare Ultrashape with, lipo doesn't even come close to it as far as safety is concerned. Besides, with Ultrashape around, why would anyone still want to settle for liposuction?! I must be very desperate or I must be so fat that I could no longer move before I'd consider getting it done. I just find it too dangerous and unnecessary!"*

For this bikini season, Marie France clients' demand for Ultrashape remains high. If you want to flaunt your figure this summer, wait no longer. Hurry and book an appointment! For a FREE consultation, call Marie France now at 844-BODY (2639); Cebu (032) 233-7937; Pampanga (045) 961-2983.

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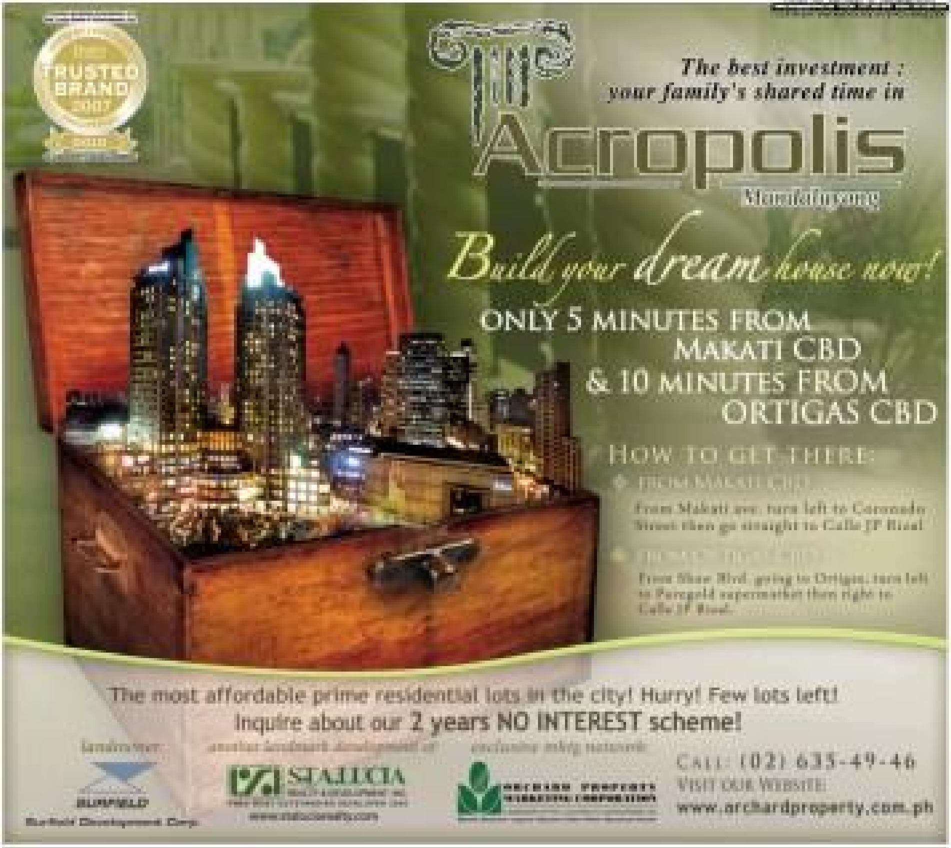
# Studies show OFWs newest power bloc in town





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## Family's lot donation to ease travel in Munti


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# Join worldwide lights-out, Pinoys urged



## Holy Week retreat

# Drivers mull another strike after latest oil price hike

# It's official – summer is here, says weather bureau

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# No end to probe without Neri, say senators

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# Metro bishops adopt stance ...

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# Ports can take pilot fees from ship owners, SC decides

By Leila B. Salaverria

# Milagros Aguiling, educator, was 80



**SOLEMN OCCASION**

President Macapagal-Arroyo attends Palm Sunday Mass in Parañaque City with Mike Velarde (left), leader of the 25-year-old El Shaddai religious group which continues to support the President despite calls for her to resign. (Story on Page A1)

# Harry Connick Jr. takes audience on a date

## Crooner endears himself to Pinoys as *'balut'* gets in the way of a song



### Sinatra heir

### Like relationships



## YWCA sets drive for volunteerism

# Cop denies complicity in massacre

## Wear helmets, cops told

# CA allows 'fake bomb' case vs Batangas exec to continue



**MUTUAL ADMIRATION**

# SOS, cries group against 'open skies'




# SVD priests pick new prov'l superior



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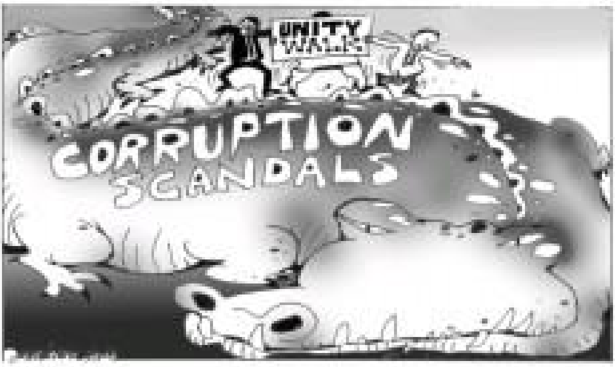



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## Beyond truth

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AS I SEE IT

*Neal H. Cruz*

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THERE'S THE RUB

*Conrado de Quiros*

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## Simple questions in the search for truth

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*Ramon J. Farolan*

## The charge of the lie brigade

KRIS-CROSSING MINDANAO



## The aesthetics of redemption

THE LONG VIEW



*Manuel L. Quezon III*

# Political thoughts during Lent

LETTERS

## God's prophets never popular

## Stop using Mass for political ends

## New Yorker seeks police assistance

## Retired public school teacher still receiving her pension

## People's initiative could be new form of people power

# 2 more DENR men face probe for logs



DAVAO SHOWCASE Native products are showcased in a trade fair that is part of Davao City's foundation day commemoration.

LUCENA CITY—TWO MORE EMPLOYEES OF THE Community Environment and Natural Resources Office in Real town in northern Quezon will be investigated for alleged involvement in illegal logging after they were implicated by two workers of the agency.

### Spurious

### Campaign

## Farmers victimized by floods to get rice seeds

By Joey A. Gabieta
Inquirer Visayas

## 22 Chinese fishers released to appease China, say militants

EASTERN VISAYAS

## Few local gov'ts allot funds for gender and development

By Joey A. Gabieta
Inquirer Visayas

# Modern enemies require PMA grads to be techno savvy, says defense exec



# Yap orders probe of rice anomaly

## NEWSBRIEFS

### 5 dead in explosion of M203 cartridge

### Boy dies in fire

### Gabriela hits Army for arresting woman

# Only 3 of 27 projects finished for Mindanao 'super region' thrust



AFTER months of delay the Department of Public Works and Highways is finally building the bridge in Davao City.

DAVAO CITY—Only three of the 27 priority infrastructure projects considered critical in turning Mindanao into the agribusiness super region have been completed, leaving serious doubts whether the island can become the country's food basket before the end of President Macapagal-Arroyo's term, according to reports presented during the government's infrastructure forum here.

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# VOICE OF SUPPORT TO PRESIDENT GMA

We, the various LEADERS OF THE FIRST DISTRICT OF NEGROS ORIENTAL, express our unwavering support and confidence in the leadership of President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo to lead our nation up to year 2010.

We urged our Filipino brothers and sisters all over the country to resist unconstitutional means to change the duly elected president and observe the rule of law and not of the mob.

Although we believe in the search for the truth but what is the real truth? Lozada's truth? De Venecia's truth, Abalos' truth or the truth of politicians who have personal agenda or who maintained personal hate in their heart against the president. To us the real truth lies in the rules of evidence and not in hearsay and intrigues. The truth lies in the real documents presented in the court of law and not words spoken by suspicious witness's president in aid of election.

We believe in the real truth such as the improved economy of our country, the growth of investment despite the destabilization efforts by some sector, accelerated growth in infrastructure and civil works and the reduction of poverty and unemployment which are the strong indications of the Gloria Arroyo administration.

We are tired of the tyranny of imperial Manila and their constant imposition on us rural folks who are happy, peaceful and satisfied and do not share their sentiments of hate and vindictiveness.

We therefore reiterate our strong support to the President ask her not to be distracted by all those political disruptions. What is important is to focus on reforms and to express her sincerity to serve our people regardless of creed and their station in life.

Mabuhay, Madam President.



# The timeless Credo of President Ramon Magsaysay

## Remembering him on his 51st death anniversary

I believe that government starts at the bottom and moves upward, for government exists for the welfare of the masses of the nation.

I believe that he who has less in life should have more in law.

I believe that the little man is fundamentally entitled to a little bit more food in his stomach, a little more cloth in his back and a little more roof over his head.

I believe that this nation is endowed with a vibrant and stout heart, and possesses untapped capabilities and incredible resiliency.

I believe that a high and unwavering sense of morality should pervade all spheres of governmental activity.

I believe that the pulse of government should be strong and steady, and the men at the helm imbued with missionary zeal.

I believe in the majesty of constitutional and legal processes, in the inviolability of human rights.

I believe that the free world is collectively strong, and that there is neither need or reason to compromise the dignity of man.

I believe that communism is iniquity, as is the violence it does to the principles of Christianity.

I believe that the President should set the example of a big heart, an honest mind, sound instincts, the virtue of healthy impatience and an abiding love for the common man.

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# DOT exec warns on US visa racket

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO—THE DEPARTment of Tourism in Central Luzon has warned the public about an "tourist visa" racket and called on "fraudulent and outright falsehoods" reports that some travel agencies used "inside influence" at the United States Embassy in Manila.

Ronaldo Tiotuico, DOT regional director, issued the warning on Saturday as complaints mounted from victims of tourist-visa travel agencies in Central Luzon.

Without naming the agencies, Tiotuico said these preyed on Filipinos who wanted to visit the US.

"The modus operandi of these travel agencies is to gift-talk their clients into believing that they have influence or contacts inside the US Embassy to expedite and even assure the release of their visas in no time at all," he said.

He said once the client gives in, the travel agency operator convinces him to advance P300,000 for processing of his documents, like income tax return, business permits, land titles and bank deposits certifications.

After a week or two, the agent returns to the client, gets P200,000 more allegedly to pay off the services of lawyers or contacts in the embassy.

Tiotuico has also advised US-bound travelers to seek advice from the DOT regional office or any DOT-accredited travel agencies for visa application procedure and other requirements.

*Tonette Orejas, Inquirer Central Luzon*

# 10 tips for green Holy Week

### Holy Week rites

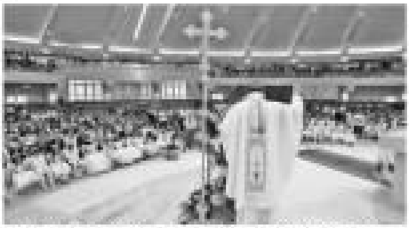


A PARISH priest of the Redemptorist Church in Baclaran blesses the palms during Mass.

# Pope: Enough with violence

### Strong, sorrowful cry

### Blessing of palms



DEVOTEES attend Mass at the first Roman Catholic Church, the Our Lady of the Rosary, in predominantly Sunni Muslim Doha.

# Church in Qatar opens

### Islamic website

### Suicide bombing

### Dream come true

# Pacquiao dethrones foe

## Marquez wants rematch

## 10 stitches

## $6-M offer

## 'It's all about heart'

## Prayers answered

## 'I gave everything I had'

## Toughest fight

# GMA urged to emulate …

## Photo-op

## Embattled President

# Pacman fever grips Filipinos nationwide







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## DID YOU KNOW



# 2 Mapua students killed in brawl

# EPD official confirms police chased suspect near mosque



SWIMMING IN THE BAY

# No MRT, LRT operations on March 20-23

## METRO BRIEFS

### Boy hurt in fire

# Making dolls for art gives hope in time of trauma







## Cops catch fugitive after 8 years

## *QC to bike admission fee in city's cinemas by P1 from May 1 to 31*



### Citizen's call

### Quezon City's dirty overpass in Tandang Sora

### Health risk in Taguig neighborhood

### Double-parked jeepneys in San Andres, Singalong



STREET OR GARAGE FOR PUJ?

### Traffic nightmare on Paz Street in Manila

# The WORLD

# China locks down riot-hit Tibet capital

BEIJING—POLICE AND TROOPS LOCKED DOWN the capital of Tibet on Sunday as tension remained high, two days after ugly street protests against Chinese rule that the contested region's government-in-exile said had killed 80 people.



## Democrats concerned about long fight

## Bomb attack in Pakistan resto kills Turkish woman

## Crane on NY building collapses; 4 killed



## Worldwide protests slam Iraq war

## Acute doctor shortage in Japan cuts emergency services




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# SPORTS



More fight stories, Bare Eye on A30, A31 and A35

# BANANA SPLIT?

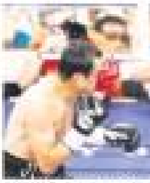
## Marquez claims he was robbed, wants 3rd fight



LAS VEGAS—AFTER A TOTAL OF 24 ROUNDS and suffering four knockdowns, Juan Manuel Marquez remains unconvinced that Manny Pacquiao is better.

# Banana split? Marquez claims…

# Pacman: I was too confident









## Can Pacquiao unite RP with his doubtful win?

BARE EYE

*Recah Trinidad*



# Contrasting fates for Farenas, Gabi

More Pacquiao fight reports on A35

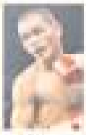








# Jaca bows to N'shima in Tokyo



# Best summer clinics ready

## SPORTSWATCH

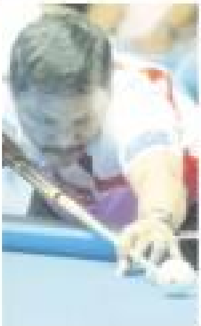
### Makati 5-cock derby today

### All set for SJC 3-cock derby



SMB-QC 9-BALL

# 3 ex-world champs fire up bids today





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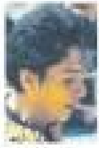
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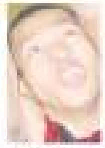
# Castro, Allera week's top players

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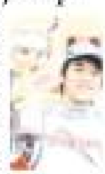
JASON Castro

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# Summit leg kicks off RP Am Tour March 25

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# Karter Orduna shines after the big jump



JOEY Orduna

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## No Forum tomorrow

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PBA GREATS TOUR

# Legends draw full house

# Juvic, Frankie way off victor McDowell



# It was not the best of Pacman – Roach

By Roy Luarca



A BLOODIED Manny Pacquiao (right) takes a right straight from Juan Manuel Marquez in the sixth round of their WBC super featherweight title showdown in Las Vegas on Saturday.

# Diaz holds out hopes of facing Manny

By Roy Luarca

# Schaefer offers $6M for Pacquiao-Marquez 3

By Roy Luarca



CORPORATE CUP

# CJH Devco golfers post solid sweep



SPORTS

# Celtics open road trip by shooting down Bucks



GOLDEN State Warriors guard Baron Davis goes up for a basket. AP

MILWAUKEE—THE BOSTON CELTICS CRUISED TO A 99-77 win over the Milwaukee Bucks on Saturday in the first of a tasty five-game National Basketball Association road trip.

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## NBA STANDINGS

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# Here comes Tiger anew

ORLANDO, FLORIDA—TWO SPECTACULAR [illegible]

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LEWIS Hamilton celebrates his victory.

# Hamilton tops Australian GP

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA—[illegible]

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BUSINESS

# BCDA to bid out lots in Fort Bonifacio

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## Agency expects P1.92B from prime E-Square block

THE BASES CONVERSION AND DEVELOPMENT Authority announced it was bidding out prime lots in the Bonifacio Global City with a land area totaling 9.58 hectares, including its most valuable property from which the agency expects revenues of P1.92 billion.

## S&P says end to credit crisis in sight

## CURRENCIES



## STOCK MARKET



### Listless trading seen

# RP at bottom of foreign investments in 2007

## Vietnam attracted $11.3B to Manila's $2.5B

# Is our GDP growth overstated?

NO FREE LUNCH



Cielito F. Habito

Overstated consumption?

Smuggling growing industry

Understated imports?

# Gov't firms up P40B funding plan for BSP

# BCDA to bid out lots in ...

# RP ability to erase deficit still in doubt

## UK bank cites global uncertainty, poor tax collection

## For '08, telcos not too keen on prospects



PANGILINAN

## PNOC-EC sale: Just a matter of time and price

# PSE board election season starts next week

By Daxim L. Lucas

THE COMMITTEE OVERSEEING the annual elections of the Philippine Stock Exchange (PSE) board will begin accepting nominations for directors of the local bourse next week as a prelude to its annual meeting in May.

In an announcement to members of the PSE, the nominations and election committee said that it would accept recommendations for membership to the board of directors starting March 24 to March 28.

Once screened by the committee, the nominees will be presented before the stockholders of the bourse during its annual general meeting on May 27, 2008. The body will then vote into the board a total of 15 directors who will have a term of one year.

"The nomination committee shall formulate rules and regulations governing the conduct of nomination and elections during the annual stockholders' meetings, screen, review and evaluate the qualifications of directors, finalize and nominate candidates for directors," the committee said.

Any stockholder of the bourse may nominate a candidate to the board, accompanied by an accomplished nomination form and the curriculum vitae of the candidate.

Like in previous years, the board of directors of the exchange shall be composed of the president of the PSE—its incumbent chief Francis Lim—while no less than 51 percent of the remaining members should be made up of three independent directors and another person who represents issuing companies, investors and other market participants.

To qualify, candidates must be at least 21 years old, college degree holders, possess a competency and understanding of financial markets, must be [illegible] and possess integrity and probity, and must be a Philippine resident, on top of specific requirements for nominees for the slots of broker directors or non-broker directors.

In the past, PSE annual meetings and board elections were hotly contested and sometimes controversial events due to the long-running rivalry of members of the old Makati and Manila stock exchanges.

In recent years, however, the process has become more predictable and transparent after the bourse decided to implement reforms as part of efforts to attract more investors.

## Island Information to go into logistics business

PUBLICLY LISTED ISLAND INFORMATION and Technology Inc. plans to venture into the logistics business after it acquired shares of a cargo management firm late last year.

In its filing with the Philippine Stock Exchange (PSE), Island Information also said that it would raise fresh capital through a stock rights offer—a scheme that received board approval over three years ago—but added that it continued to await the approval of corporate regulators.

The company announced last year a plan to raise as much as P122 million through a stock rights offer that would see five new shares offered to every investor who holds two company shares as of the record date.

"The corporation is planning to engage in a cargo management and integrated logistics services," Island Information told the bourse.

"[This included] the establishment, management, development and operation of cargo management facilities, container yards and warehouses, and the transporting, loading, unloading, [illegible], delivery, distribution, handling and inventory management of containers and goods," it added.

To this end, the company also plans "to automate and computerize its operations, perform port information management, systematize documentation, engage in supply chain management."

"The corporation, together with Abacus Capital and Investment Corp. as its underwriter, is pursuing its plan to offer stock rights to its existing stockholders," Island Information said. *Daxim L. Lucas*

## S&P says end ... From page B1

The crisis rooted in rising delinquency among American subprime mortgages—or housing loans granted to borrowers with blemished credit histories and little equity—has ballooned into a global credit issue as big western banks suffered big losses from their exposure to those structured products that had US subprime credit as underlying assets.

"The positive news is that, in our opinion, the global financial sector appears to have already disclosed the majority of valuation write-downs of subprime debt-asset-backed securities," said S&P credit analyst Scott Bugie.

In particular, the bulk of the write-downs of subprime securities may be behind the banks and brokers that have already announced [illegible] losses, the credit rating firm said.

"There may be more additional marks to market as market indicators have shown deterioration in the first quarter. However, what [illegible] the percentage of write-downs taken against various types of exposure. In our opinion the magnitude of some write-downs is greater than any reasonable estimate of ultimate losses," said S&P credit analyst [illegible].

Based on available information, S&P believes the biggest players have come up with conservative valuations in booking those losses.



## Philippine Stock Exchange



## Maybank

Currencies

# Public sector posts ₱97-B surplus

## Improved fiscal performance of gov't agencies



# Masinloc deal to close before May 24 deadline, PSALM says

# DA may push for cuts in rice, corn tariffs



## APPLICATION

# DOE draws up lighting plan

# Trade mission to China set



# Coconut production to recover in 2008

# DOE pushes use of LPG

# IFAD sets aside $93M for RP agri projects

# InfoTech



A SAMSUNG division, Pleomax manufactures keyboards, PC mouses, Web cameras, speakers and even headsets




# Samsung's worthy alter ego

Text and photo by Charles E. Buban

MOST OF US ARE PROBABLY familiar with Samsung for its line of flat-panel high-definition televisions, sleek mobile phones and digital cameras, computer monitors, as well as high-tech home audio appliances.

But what a lot of consumers don't know is that the Korean electronics giant is also into producing peripheral devices for PC, including keyboard, mouse, Web camera, speaker and even headset. However, it's under a different name: Pleomax.

"It was in 2005 when Samsung decided to use the Pleomax brand for its PC accessories," explained Darwin Sison, GM of Jeed ne Distribution, Pleomax exclusive distributor. "Pleomax, which is a division of Samsung, leverages its parent company's experience in manufacturing, sourcing and worldwide trading to deliver the latest designs to consumers."

## Philosophy upheld

Despite the name difference, Sison believed Pleomax has upheld Samsung's philosophy.

"Our products are able to convey that delicate balance between technological sophistication and elegant simplicity—a Samsung design philosophy," he said.

But why should the market buy aftermarket PC accessories?

"Think of them as upgrades," said Sison. "Just like when you have a car, you also would like to change the wheels to alloy, perhaps the headlights to Xenon bulbs, or even the seats to one that are more sporty. Pleomax products make work or game a lot more comfortable."

An example is the Pleomax SuperSlim multimedia keyboard, a full-size keyboard that features 15 "hot keys" that could instantly connect and as well as favorite tech browser and multimedia controls.

But what sets this PKY1 keyboard from the rest is the pantograph key touch technology found in most high-end laptops.

"Because the entire key top is supported by the pantograph structure—unlike the structure underneath the key surface—a vertical stroke is achieved even when the key is hit off-center, making comfortable keyboard typing a reality," Sison described.

## All shapes and sizes

"Another favorite is the Pleomax mice, which come in all shapes and sizes—from wireless optical that offers 1,600 dpi tracking speed to one that flashes the seven colors of the rainbow," described Sison.

Topping the Pleomax mice lineup is the MM-980 high-performance mouse (around P480) and the MM-4700 wireless optical mini mouse (P995) that both feature a 1,600 dpi optical sensor, making these mice ... and a half times more responsive than standard optical mice.

"And yet, even our most affordable model, the MM-914 standard optical mouse (costs P270) already features an 800 dpi scanning resolution, a perfect replacement for those tired of his or her mouse that still use a track ball," described Sison.

## Focus on design

He added that a relentless focus on design was what drove Samsung—and eventually Pleomax—from merely being a massive producer of electronics and appliances a decade ago to become one of the world's leading brands today.

This is more evident in Pleomax's line of USB powered multimedia speakers—tall and curvy PSP-5000, flat and slim PSP-800, and tiny and portly PSP-700, which Sison explained appeal to different "tastes" of their consumers.

"One of the most important job of a design-er is to figure out how to take his or her experience and turn it into products that fit a specific market," said Sison. "I believe Pleomax designers have succeeded in their mission."



# *Set Your Sights Higher.*

Lakeside Fairways



Rarely does one get a chance to appreciate the country's very own Flora and Fauna. Now, Lakeside Fairways gives nature lovers the perfect opportunity to relish our own biodiversity at one's own pace. Be in awe with white-throated kingfisher, white-bellied munia and striated grassbird in wonder.

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BUSINESS Monday





# Filipinos going for ride in the country

**Uptrend in domestic tourism is apparent both in the business and leisure segments**

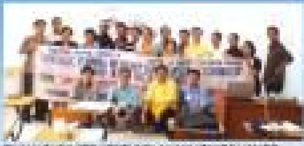
A NEW TREND is emerging in the local travel industry—Filipinos are becoming less and less "a foreigner in their own land."

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Playgrounds for the MIND

# Child Study Center holds back-to-back Inquirer Read Along sessions



PNU HOLDS STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP

## PNU comes out with 1st Level III accredited programs in the country



FEU HONORS 50 ALUMNI MEMBERS IN CELEBRATION OF ITS 80TH ANNIVERSARY

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## *IAME degrees equivalent to degrees granted by accredited US universities*





UE CONFERS DOCTOR OF LAWS HONORIS CAUSA TO SPANISH CHIEF JUSTICE





SHELL CRAFTS are sold at the municipal beach maintained by the local government.



SCENIC Pagudpud beach in the coastal village of Saud.

# Can't miss those Pagudpud shell craft

Text and photos by Cristina Arzadon
*Inquirer Northern Luzon*

PAGUDPUD, ILOCOS NORTE—THOSE WHO cannot get enough of this coastal town's iconic sights like the "kubo-kubo" (native huts) and the famous anahaw palm forest are now locked in shell crafts that are sold along the beach.

## Skills workshops

## Free stalls



HOMESTAY facilities are available in the village.



SEVERAL beach resorts thrive in Saud.

# *Big business jumps on Asian golf bandwagon*

SINGAPORE—BIG BUSINESS IS SEEING big opportunity in the growth of golf in Asia, with some of the best known companies in the world eager for a slice of the action.

AFP

# BUSINESS *Monday*

# Tourism rebuilds Tarlac village from Pinatubo blasts



DOT gave tour-guiding seminars to the Aetas and upland farmers







THE DEPARTMENT of Tourism used the BTC's income in building roads leading to the village.

# Kalinga's rafting events boost tourism









# BUSINESS Monday

## Save and invest early, retire comfortably



# P1,000 a month can become P1 million in 25 years


MARK JONES

By Doris C. Dumlao

IF YOU'RE 40 YEARS OLD AND have developed the discipline of setting aside at least P1,000 a month, you would have saved close to a million pesos by the time you retire at 65. But if you started saving when you were 20 years younger, you would have accumulated close to P5 million upon retirement.

The hefty gain arising from the 20-year span, Citibank Philippines Country Business Manager Mark Jones says, is because of the beauty of compounding or the process of generating earnings from an asset's reinvested earnings by adding the income earned during a certain period to the previous principal, thereby increasing the investment total for the next period.

No less than the great scientist Albert Einstein had said that "compound interest is the greatest mathematical discovery of all time."

In an interview with Inquirer, Jones says developing the habit of saving and investing gives any person a longer period of time to reap the benefits of compounding.

Jones agrees that more Filipinos are turning from mere savers into investors, noting that funds placed in Citibank's investment business is growing four times the growth of money placed in deposits. In terms of risk appetite, however, Filipinos are still observed to much more conservative compared to investors from more developed economies.

"Right now in the Philippines, we're skewed towards bond funds as risk tolerance is lower than other developed countries where they have more tolerance for equities, or options or private equity investments," he says.

Citibank's Philippine Fin-Q survey, designed to measure the financial quotient or financial intelligence of local consumers, shows the average Filipino has a "financial intelligence" of only 47.8 out of a 100-mark, much concerned and lack confidence that savings can meet emergency needs or support a comfortable retirement. The survey covered the middle-income working class or consumers aged 18 to 45 who have either a bank account or a credit.

Jones says the Fin-Q survey presents an opportunity for Filipinos to improve on certain areas of financial literacy, such as in having a formal financial plan or preparing a will.

### Financial Planning

On knowledge on investing in case of a sudden windfall, the Citibank survey shows that a strong majority (83 percent) of Filipinos know exactly what to do with their savings. However, it also indicates that a lot have not done much in terms of long-term financial planning. Only 13 percent said they know exactly what to do before retirement and are on track with its plans.

More than two out of five have no idea how much they need for retirement or have not at all started planning.

Furthermore, only 16 percent of the working middle-class have financial planning developed with financial professional while 96 percent do not even have a will to legally transfer assets and liabilities in case of death.

Jones says investing must be seen as a long-term approach to generating income and growing wealth, its heft contributing enormously to Filipinos' overall financial plan.

Investment strategy can be decided based on certain variables—age, size of investment and risk appetite.

"If you're just starting to save, put aside a regular amount of money every month, as it [illegible]," Jones says.

"As you accumulate more money, you want to diversify your portfolio and that's when you need formal financial planning."

Most banks in the Philippines accept investment management account contracts with clients under their trust departments for at least P1 million.

"When you have P1 million, that's when you have to sit down with an investment

PLANNING B[illegible]

# MAP statement on threats by government

MAPping the Future

## Movements

### DHL Express Philippines has new country manager

### Filipina among Asia 21 Fellows

# PBSP recognizes Luzon volunteers



THE NATIONAL Federation of Cooperatives of Persons with Disabilities (NFCPWD) benefits from the mentoring program.

# High-end brand strengthens positioning



# P1,000 a month can give you P1 million in 25 years

Investment Cycle

# Hop on, see the sights







TOURISM Secretary Ace Durano fully supports the tour service.



## Women's group holds conference

## Hitting it big ...



# BUSINESS Monday





# Hitting it big with peanuts to start her up

## Poor family

## P3,000 start-up






LIFESTYLE
Editor Thelma Sioson San Juan
Arts & Books Editor Lito B. Zulueta





# CCP official resigns over Jun Lozada



## Politics rears its ugly head in the arts and culture

By Lito B. Zulueta

STAGE AND FILM ACTOR Fernando Josef has resigned as vice president and artistic director of the Cultural Center of the Philippines after the CCP board voted to deny the request of a group of artists to stage a concert to raise funds for the "sanctuary fund" of national broadband network (NBN) corruption scandal witness Rodolfo "Jun" Lozada.

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### Lozada's friend

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### Sincere and honest

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# A room with a view of the Pasig

Despite passage of years, an old house remains a heritage paragon and a riverside sanctuary

PRIDE OF PLACE



Augusto F. Villalon





## No frills

## Comfort and sanctuary



# Vintage Malang



# MET Museum features US-based Pinay print artist

TRIBUTE TO A YOUNG FOTOG



# US-bound Loboc Children's Choir performs in Peta

AFTER A BRIEF HIATUS from the concert scene, the Loboc Children's Choir (LCC), a national and international champion in music competitions (NAMCYA–1st Place in 1991, 1995 and 2001, and Barcelona Song Festival, 2003), will have a two-day concert in Manila before it embarks on a US tour.

The concerts will be on April 12-13, with two shows each day (3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.) at the PETA Theater Center, New Manila, Quezon City.

Supporting the LCC are four other choirs: UP Cherubim and the Mandaluyong Children's Choir (on April 12), and the Ipsum Chamber Singers and ST Singing Ambassadors (on April 13).

Dubbed "Encuentro: Filipino the Manila Concert," the show will feature the best of the choir's repertoire to date, with special focus on music reflecting the interaction of cultures between the Philippines and Spain during the colonial period.

Part of the proceeds will be used for the children's airfare to the US, where they will have a series of shows in 14 cities.

A highlight of the concert will be a 7-minute PowerPoint presentation on the "International Conference on Filipino-Hispanic Cultural Heritage", which the group will attend at the University of California at Riverside, Los Angeles (April 26-27), and at Dartmouth College in New Hampshire (May 1-4).

The LCC will depart on April 15 and will be back on June 5.

This world-renowned corps of singing children from the riverine town of Loboc will perform for Filipino-American and Bohol-based communities in Seattle, Olympia, Los Angeles, New York, New Jersey and Washington DC, Houston, Laredo, San Francisco, Lincoln, San Diego, Reno and St. Louis.

The delegation will be led by Artistic Conductor Alma Taboso and accompanied by Lina Jala, together with the Mayor of Loboc, [illegible].

In addition to the US tour mission, part of the money raised will help promote scholarship programs for talented but indigent choir alumni who wish to take up college education in the field of music, and the restoration of the Loboc Church (a National Heritage Site and a National Cultural Treasure).

Initial sponsors for the project include [illegible] Marketing Corporation, [illegible], [illegible] and [illegible].

Call [illegible] or call the Tour Manager [illegible] or [illegible]. Tickets are priced at P1,000, P750 and P500.

Visit www.lobocchildrenschoir.org or e-mail lobocchildrenschoir@yahoo.com



LOBOC Children's Choir





THE PERRY Sevidal Ballet School offers classes for kids.

## *Summer ballet classes*

THE PERRY SEVIDAL Ballet School will hold Summer Intensive 2008, an 8-week intensive classes workshop covering the following: Classical Ballet to be conducted by Perry Sevidal, Nanet Jarrat; Modern Technique, Jodell de Guzman; Polynesian, Marissa Abella; Kid Hip/Tap/Hop, Susan [illegible]; Teen Hip/Jazz/Hop, Peter Alcedo, Jr.; Mat Pilates, Jodell de Guzman; Karate by [illegible], Sensei Cesar Unson Jr.

Registration is ongoing. Classes start March 31 at the Main Studio, [illegible] Ave., San Antonio Village, Makati City. Call [illegible] or [illegible] or e-mail psballet@pldtdsl.net.

A culminating concert dubbed "THE Festival XII" will be staged May 31, 4:30 p.m. at the [illegible], Assumption College in San Lorenzo Village, Makati City.

# Theater, dance, modeling workshops

EASTWOOD CITY WILL be the venue for an exciting new training concept called "My Talent" summer workshops. Headed by Trumpets Playshop's founder and STAGES' president, Audie Gemora, "My Talent" is a project by an upcoming performance arts school, Whizkids International.

"My Talent" courses focus on the discovery and honing of an individual's God-given talents, which include:

Musical Theater—Learn Broadway style performance combining the three disciplines of acting, singing, and dancing.

Street Dance—Learn the latest grooves from today's fresh hip hop dancers.

Commercial Modeling—Go through an introductory course on the ins and outs of the commercial modeling industry, learn how to audition (VTR auditions), and act in television commercials.

Photography—Learn about basic techniques, studio set-up, portraiture and fashion pictorials.

Guitar lessons—Get into a high-level musical experience that exposes students to new concepts, and skills on classical guitar.

Pop Performance—Get coaching on vocal technique, image building, song interpretation, live performance, singing competitions, and pointers on starting up a recording career.

Classes will run from April 1 to May 31 with culminating showcases at Eastwood City. For inquiries, call [illegible], [illegible], [illegible].

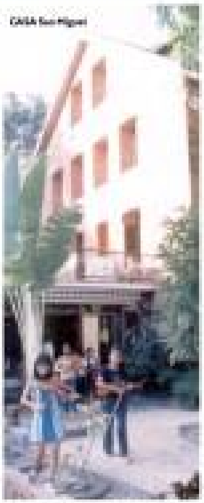


AUDIE Gemora

# How to sustain a music festival

Despite the perennial lack of resources, the Pundaquit Festival is now on its 15th year

### Constant struggle



### Training local artists

### Licad repertoire

### Tribute to Negros governor



# LifeStyle



PHILIP "The Loyal Steed," by Salvador Ching

# Christ's Apostles get contemporary treatment

The yearly 'Kristo' exhibit of Salvador Ching gathers 14 artists giving their take on Jesus' disciples

PERHAPS LIKE Christ's Apostles when they were supposed to depict in their canvases, the 14 artists featured in this year's "Kristo Manila" exhibit were brought together by fate or, more important, by their own faith. For as the New Testament says, many are called but few are chosen.

Thus, chosen were ...

# Christ's Apostles . . .





JOHN. "The Beloved," by Anton Balao



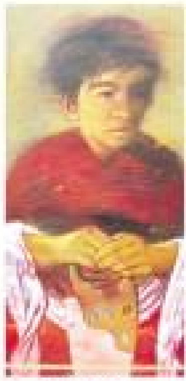
JAMES THE LESSER. "Beloved Has Appeared Before Me..." by Farley del Rosario

## Religious vow

## Apostle's Creed



JAMES THE GREATER. "Triumph," by Rex Tatlonghari



"Simon," by Wilfredo Offemaria



JUDAS. "Repentance," by Salvador Ching

## "Seeds of God"

## VISUAL ARTS

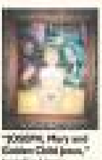
### TUP artists at BlueRoom

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### Sculptors in Art Asia



"SAN AGUSTIN Church," by Al Perez

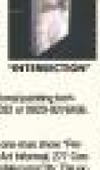


"JOSEPH, Mary and Golden Child Jesus," by Julius Limpe

### Perez, Limpe at San Agustin

### "FaEM" at SM Art Center

### Group show at Blanc



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# The pleasure of porcelain













# Morada's 'Obra pro Nobis' at Joaquin

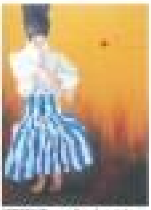



GALERIE JOAQUIN WILL mount Jerry Morada's "Obra pro Nobis," March 27-April 13. Eighteen works will be on display.

A product of the University of the Philippines College of Fine Arts, Morada is among the country's most innovative and experimental young artists. His major concern is to portray figures in a timeless dimension but in thought-provoking circumstances.

His new collection is most riveting, featuring women in varying situations, exploring their essence and sense of being.

Morada uses tradition as a take-off point for him to bring the viewer along with his own conceptual explorations.



"FRESH Flowers" and, at right, "Brown Gold"

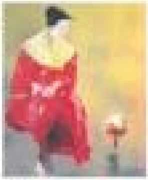


What makes his works intriguing is the unpredictability of the situations he portrays, utilizing as he does his own unique composition, lines, color and textures.

His last one-man exhibit—"Ang Pag-ibig ni Maria" in 2005—received critical and commercial acclaim.

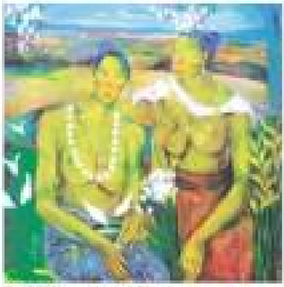
Morada's works are in demand at the Southeast Asian art circuit. The auction of his works by the Larasati house in April 2007 was highly successful. On March 2, Masterpiece auction house of Indonesia auctioned off a Morada work.

Galerie Joaquin Main is at 371 P. Guevarra St. and Montessori Lane, Addition Hills, San Juan. Call 7233203 and 7229438. Visit www.galeriejoaquin.com.



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"BALINESE Women," by Lydia Velasco

## Jumalon, Quirante and Velasco lead in Masterpiece auction

ELEVEN OF THE 12 FILIPINO paintings included in the recently held Masterpiece auction at the Sheraton Towers in Singapore on March 2 were auctioned off.

The 12 paintings were among those chosen from hundreds of artists from Southeast Asia. A total of 217 lots from artists from China, Indonesia, Vietnam, the Philippines, Thailand and Singapore comprised the auction.

[illegible] Jumalon's untitled oil on canvas raised S$[illegible] while [illegible] Quirante's piece sold at S$[illegible].

Also included were two oil-on-canvas works by Lydia Velasco, "Neighborhood" (S$[illegible]) and "Balinese Women" (S$[illegible]).

Also faring well: Dominic Rubio's oil-on-canvas from his "Old Manila" series, "Binondo Church" (S$[illegible]); Alfredo Leaño's contemporary self-portrait, "On Top of the World" (S$[illegible]); Jerry Morada's "Heartshaped" (S$[illegible]); Vincent de Pio's "Cellist" (S$[illegible]); and Manny Garibay's "Thinking Man" (S$[illegible]).

Included in the auction were works by Amy Aragon (S$[illegible]) and Oscar Salita (S$[illegible]).

Masterpiece is one of the largest auction houses in Indonesia. Founded five years ago, it runs over 12 auctions. This year, the company decided to open on the Singapore art market.



"CELLIST," by Vincent de Pio



# LifeStyle

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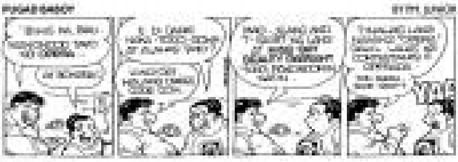
# Emmanuel Pelaez, 'Mister Right' of Philippine politics

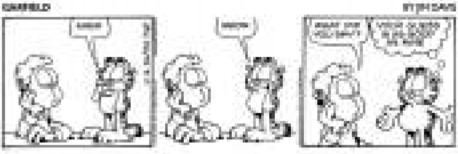


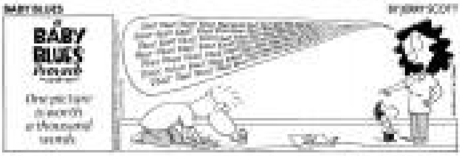


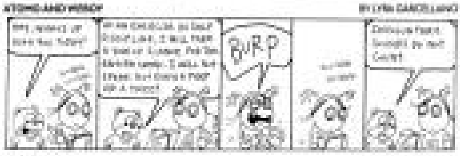


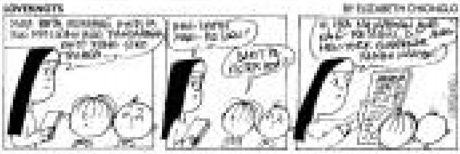


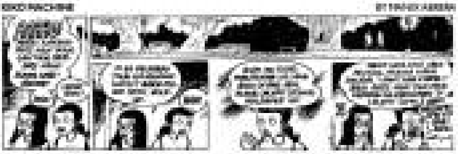






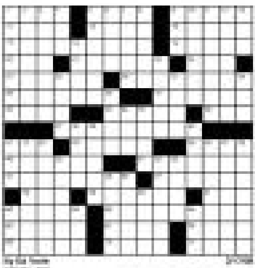



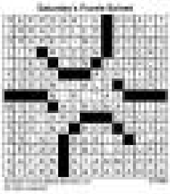




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Saturday's Puzzle Solved



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## CONCEPTIS SUDOKU

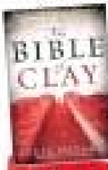
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**HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU**

Answer to previous puzzle

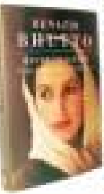
# Recommended reads for March














## New titles

















# Emmanuel Pelaez, 'Mister Right' . . .





PELAEZ in 1962, with Diosdado Macapagal and Ferdinand Marcos.



### Mindanao roots

### Singular cry of pain

ENTERTAINMENT

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- Brian, the controversial Aussie blogger talks to… Bushes /F4
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# Mandy's wild hope




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Gossip

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DID YOU KNOW…

Post-'Kubrador'

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# 'Inang Yaya' takes the bronze in Cairo

UNITEL PICTURES' "Inang Yaya" won the bronze prize at the 18th Cairo International Film Festival for Children on March 13.

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# ‘Inang Yaya’ . . .

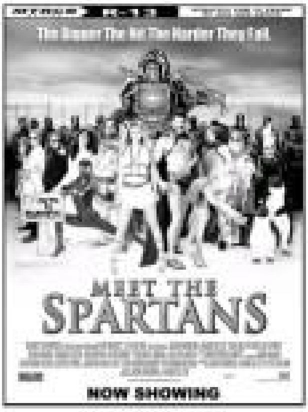
Even kids understood the film’s message















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IMAX

THE SPIDERWICK CHRONICLES

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DEEP SEA (3D)

THE PODIUM

CINEMA 1
10,000 BC
CINEMA 2
STEP UP 2

PREMIERE CINEMA
10,000 BC
CENTERSTAGE
MY BIG LOVE
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## GALLERIA

1 VANTAGE POINT - THX
2 MEET the SPARTANS
3 ATONEMENT
4 SUPERFIGHTERS
5 10,000 BC
6 STEP UP 2
7 JUMPER
8 IndieSine: WHEN TIMAWA meets DELGADO
9 ANG LIHIM ni ANTONIO
10 MY BIG LOVE



Ray Gibraltar's WHEN TIMAWA MEETS DELGADO

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## ERMITA

1 ATONEMENT
2 MEET the SPARTANS
3 STEP UP 2
4 JUMPER
5 10,000 BC
6 SUPERFIGHTERS
7 MY BIG LOVE
8 IndieSine: SELDA
9 ANG LIHIM ni ANTONIO

## METRO EAST

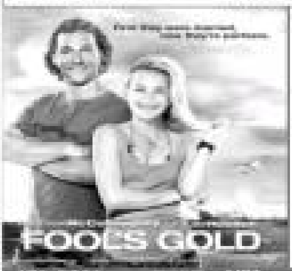
1 MEET the SPARTANS
2 VANTAGE POINT
3 MY BEST FRIEND's GIRLFRIEND
4 MY BIG LOVE
5 10,000 BC
6 JUMPER
7 STEP UP 2
8 SUPERFIGHTERS

## NOVALICHES

1 MEET the SPARTANS
2 10,000 BC
3 MY BIG LOVE
4 THE SPIDERWICK CHRONICLES

## PIONEER

1 STEP UP 2
2 MEET the SPARTANS
3 ATONEMENT
4 10,000 BC



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## STA. ROSA

1 10,000 B.C.
2 MEET the SPARTANS
3 MY BIG LOVE
4 THE SPIDERWICK CHRONICLES

## LIPA

1 10,000 BC
2 THE BUCKET LIST
3 MY BIG LOVE
4 P2

## DASMARIÑAS

1 IN THE NAME of the KING
2 UNTRACEABLE
3 10,000 BC
4 MY BIG LOVE

## IMUS

1 10,000 BC
2 MY BROTHER'S WIFE
3 MEET the SPARTANS
4 MY BIG LOVE

## ANGELES

1 10,000 B.C.
2 THE ASSASSINATION of JESSE JAMES
3 THE MIST
4 MY BIG LOVE

## TARLAC

1 10,000 B.C.
2 27 DRESSES
3 THE SPIDERWICK CHRONICLES

## STARMILLS

1 THE MIST
2 MY BIG LOVE
3 3:10 TO YUMA
4 JUNO
5 10,000 BC
6 THE ASSASSINATION of JESSE JAMES

## BACOLOD

1 10,000 B.C.
2 IN THE NAME of the KING
3 THE MIST
4 JUNO
5 MY BIG LOVE
6 IndieSine: SELDA

## ILOILO

1 10,000 B.C.
2 THE BUCKET LIST
3 MY BIG LOVE
4 UNTRACEABLE
5 DAN in REAL LIFE
6 P2

# New local love teams click with viewers



Viewfinder
Nestor U. Torre

## Marian-Dingdong

## Angel-Pixie

## Sarah Joaquin

# Brian steps out of his blog . . .

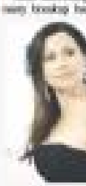
... to tell us why he thinks Netizens are riveted to this ongoing online 'telenovela'

By the Inquirer Entertainment Staff



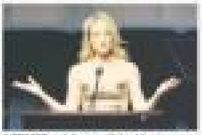
## They believe us

RUSHES SPECIAL



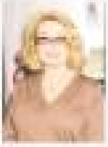


## Key to advancement





## No scoffing matter





# Mandy's wild hope

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## Connection



Seems the singer-songwriter also wants to be seen as one of the boys—like Linda Ronstadt in the '70s



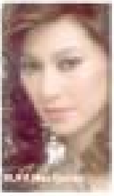
JOYCE Jimenez

# What stars ...

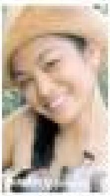
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## Lenten reflections

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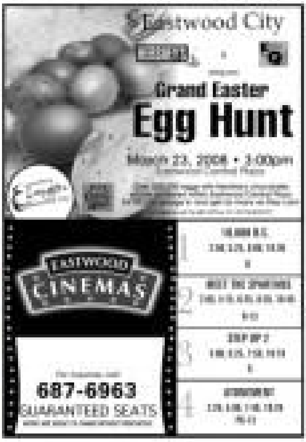
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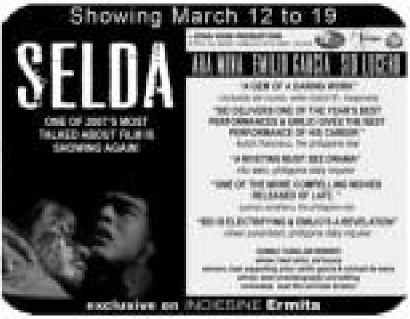
### Pilita & the two Carmens

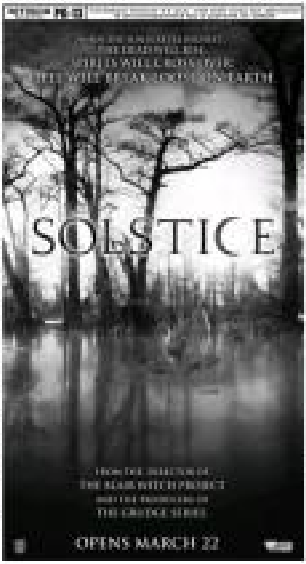
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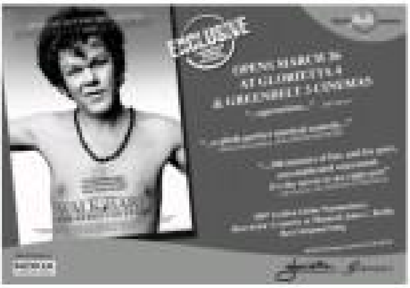








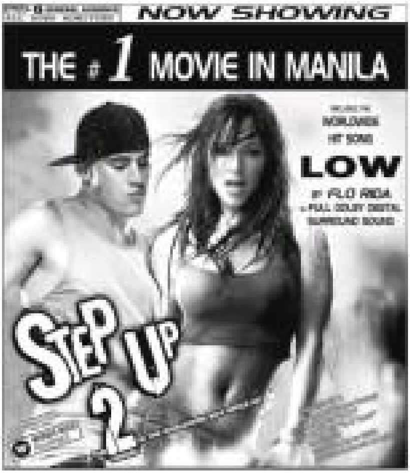




## Did You Know...

### Quaid on saving his twins

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# What stars are reflecting on this Holy Week

COULD IT BE TRUE THAT IAN DE LEON and Bianca Zabini are secret lovers? Ian has long been separated from his wife while Bianca is Daisy Tom. So, I see nothing wrong if they are indeed "on."

Perhaps they just want to keep their romance hush-hush to avoid public scrutiny. Just like anything else, love dies when it's dissected too much.

### Headache-free

In spite of his stature, Bingbong Dantes is never a headache to his consultants. Very much like Micheal (which he endorses) that keeps him headache-free.

He is still in a euphoric state after his phenomenal teleserye "Marimar" has ended. "My role as Sergio broke boundaries and limitations that made me to grow artistically my interpretation of the stories," he beams.

He's raring to start "Dyesebel" with Marian Rivera. "I feel prompted yet challenged to reinvent myself. I have to get out of Sergio's character and create Fredo (his role in Dyesebel) from scratch."

Dong has really stretched beneath the surface and showed everybody that there's more to him than just being gorgeous.

### Moving forward

Jomari Yllana can't be any happier. "I'm glad that Aiko (Melendez) and I have no more grudges from our past and we're both moving forward for the future of our son Andre," he says.

His GF Pops Fernandez and Aiko get along well. "Pipay and I were at the opening of Aiko's bar. Good evening ends."

Is it true that he and Pipay have marriage plans already? "We haven't talked about it but of course it's something we both dream about." New love lessons he's learned so far? "You can't compare one relationship with another. Never speak ill of an ex no matter how bad the parting was."

Spoken like a true warrior who's won love's many battles.

DOLLY WOOD



*Dolly Anne Carvajal*

